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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 24, 2004, the time for reply having been duly extended until February 24, 2005, by the attached Petition, Applicants request reconsideration of the present application in view of the enclosed remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.